

Keeping Children Safe


Firearms are in more than one third of all U.S. households, so they are a very real danger to children, whether you own one or not. That's why it's important to talk to kids about the potential dangers of firearms, and what to do if they find one, where ever that might be.

Steps For Children

- STOP
- DO NOT TOUCH
- LEAVE THE AREA
- TELL A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

Steps For Parents

- Relate firearm safety rules to children.
- Emphasize that a firearm should never be used without adult supervision.
- Practice firearm safety with your children.
- Emphasize to children that firearms are not toys.
- Teach the difference between real firearms and toy firearms.
- Teach children how to properly identify a firearm and avoid unsafe situations.



Firearms are in more than one third of all U.S. households and are used in 50% of all suicides in the U.S.



SUICIDE IS PREVENTABLE

Dial 2-1-1 or 1-800-273-8255

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Lifeline Crisis Chat

<http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Text Line

Text CT to 741741 for free 24/7 support.



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1 WORD VOICE LIFE

Be the 1 to start the **conversation**

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FIREARM SAFETY AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

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